



COL. PHIL H. WATERS,
Charleston, W. Va.

A GIFTED WEST VIRGINIAN.

Phil H. Waters *The Boy Orator of The Kanawha* whose *Enorgies have Prov n his Aladins Lamp—His Latest Achievem nts*

The gratifying intelligence has reached us that our brilliant and excellent friend, "Phil." Walters, of Charleston West Virginia has again won desired recognition in his own state of his splendid abilities and adaptability. He is just one more of those bright young men to point out, which has given The Colored American the keenest pleasure. Starting in life at the early age of fifteen years, after acquiring a sound, practical education and sustained by high character and earnest purpose, he soon came to be a marked man, welcome in the counsels of the party in West Virginia, and early sought by the leaders for his assistance in their campaigns for the political mastery and retention of the State. Gifted with exceptional powers as an orator, he has never failed to distinguish himself or to make a profound impression upon the audiences which have been privileged to hear him.

Political conventions have been stirred to their depths by the resistless currents of his eloquence and swayed hither and yon by the matchless march of his logic and the purity and beauty of his diction. West Virginia, be it said to her everlasting credit, has not been slow to recognize the merits of her Afro-American citizens, and to reward them, in somewhat humble measures, it is true, for their fidelity and active services to the party. Mr. Walters has served with distinction in many public offices in the State. For five years he was corporation clerk in the office of the Secretary of State; subsequently he was librarian of the House of Delegates, and now he has been appointed clerk of the Committee on Taxation and finance of said House, the most important committee of that body.

No colored man ever held any of these offices prior to the appointment thereto of Mr. Walters and he may therefore be truly said to have blazed the way for other capable and worthy members of the race. Some one once said that it is a terrible handicap to be born the son of a minister.—We presume extraordinary things are expected of such a young man and when he fails to line up in true measure to these lofty expectations, he is held to be a failure, though he may attain a position higher than mere mediocrity.

Well, Mr. Walters is the son of a minister, and his most estimable father has an equally estimable son, who has filled every station of duty and endeavor with high credit to himself and to the enduring benefit of his people.

His life and success are a beautiful picture, upon which all our aspiring youths may gaze with just admiration and take from it renewed strength and enthusiasm for their onward and upward march to the heights whereupon repose the rewards, which await the earnest, the honest, the capable, the purposeful and the ambitious, up-to-date Negro.

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